

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, third full paragraph:

However, in cranking at the engine start time, smooth rotation is rare and the rotation speed largely fluctuates. Fuel ignition control is just started and the rotation speed is low in the vicinity of a top dead point or a bottom dead point and becomes high in the vicinity of an intermediate point between the top and bottom dead points. The case where the driver turns off a starter by mistake although the starter is driven and the engine starts to rotate seldom occurs. Further, the case occurs where reliable combustion cannot be conducted at ~~low-temperature~~ time low-temperatures and complete explosion is not reached although the starter is driven for a while and the engine is stopped as the starter is turned off. In some ~~apparatus~~ apparatuses in related arts, drive control of an internal combustion engine is continued regardless of the starter being off.

Page 15, first full paragraph:

As described above, whether or not start control is to be continued or stopped when the starter is turned off during starting in the low number of revolutions before the idling speed is reached is determined based on the period of the crank angle signal of the starter off timing. Erroneous ignition and erroneous injection can be prevented and the engine can be stopped reasonably with safety and by ~~extension~~ extending the advantages of improvement in emission control as it is determined that starting the engine is continued and improvement in startability at the next time as it is determined that starting the engine is stopped are provided. Although the period of the crank angle signal is used, the change amount or change rate of the crank angle

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signal period may be used. That is, if the change amount (change rate) is used in comparison with the predetermined value instead of the crank angle signal period, a similar determination can be made, needless to say. Further, the two points of B75° CA and B05° CA are set as the reference positions, but can also be changed to B90° CA and B0° CA.